

The Messenger

September, 2017 Newsletter

PASTOR JOSH'S MESSAGE

The Methodist Social Creed was adopted by the 1908 General Conference to express outrage over the factories, mines, mills, tenements and company towns who were paying the human cost of the rapid industrialization of the US. The original Creed said the Methodist Episcopal Church stood:



- For equal rights and complete justice for all men in all stations of life.
- For the principles of conciliation and arbitration in industrial dissensions.
- For the protection of the worker from dangerous machinery, occupational diseases, injuries and mortality.
- For the abolition of child labor.
- For such regulation of the conditions of labor for women as shall safeguard the physical and moral health of the community.
- For the suppression of the "sweating system."
- For the gradual and reasonable reduction of the hours of labor to the lowest practical point, with work for all; and for that degree of leisure for all which is the condition of the highest human life.
- For a release for [from] employment one day in seven.
- For a living wage in every industry.
- For the highest wage that each industry can afford, and for the most equitable division of the products of industry that can ultimately be devised.
- For the recognition of the Golden Rule and the mind of Christ as the supreme law of society and the sure remedy for all social ills.

As you read through the list, you will notice that most of these things have not been accomplished, more than one hundred years after they were first written. Yet, the benefit of the Social Creed to United Methodism and its predecessor bodies has been to:

- Highlight the church's obligation to proclaim the urgency of the Gospel, holding persons and institutions accountable for social sins and the necessary change to repent of those sins;
- Remind us in this highly individualistic culture that Christian faithfulness is first social (Matthew 18:20);
- Offer Christians and their congregations a benchmark and plumb line for discerning God's will. A plumb line is used for finding the depth of water or determining the vertical on an upright surface. In other words, it is a guide for what is right, straight and narrow.

Like Christ, may your yoke be easy and your burdens light!

Peace,
Pastor Josh

FAMILY AND FRIENDS NEEDING OUR PRAYERS:

Jeff Benz (Jen Medina's step father): As he awaits a liver transplant.

Ray Patter: As he continues to recover from an ankle break and back pain.

Mike Prev (Jen Medina's uncle): As he awaits a heart transplant.

John Ratcliffe – Is suffering ongoing back pain. He will be having surgery in mid September.

Continue to pray for those members and friends that are unable to be with us on Sunday:
(Mae Fuller, Pat Hartzler, Phyllis Moore, Marilyn Overton, Evelyn Tolkan, Mildred Philpott and Pearl Van Fleet)

NOTE – If you have knowledge of someone that is hospitalized, may need a visit or phone call, please let Pastor Josh know. Also, if you wish to have a visit from Pastor Josh, please contact him at the church at 266-6404 or on his cell 991-6368.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Administrative Board will meet Tuesday, September 19th @ 7:00 PM.

The 2017 Administrative Council includes the following: Josh Steward, Sharon Baker, John Ratcliffe, Marjean Moyle, Erin Lowe, Carole Gassaway, Margie Brown, Melissa Myers, Mary Brown, Lois Nolte, Jennifer Medina, Carlos Medina, Phyllis Roe, Doris Sheeder, Dick Smith and Jeff Woodard. Note – Mission team rotates attendance.

Note – Anyone is welcome to attend Ad Board meetings and minutes are posted on the board for your information.

EDUCATION REPORT by Erin Lowe, Christian Education Chairperson:

- **Education team meeting – September 10th @ 8:30 AM.**
- Children and youth Sunday School will begin September 10th.
- Children and youth will be working on raising funds for Heifer International.
- This last school year we worked on our “blessing bag” project. All the "blessing bags" have been distributed. Our bags included soap and a washcloth, several non-perishable food items, a bottle of water, and a couple dollars. So far, all the bags have been distributed at convenience store parking lots; freeway and Interstate exits/entrances; and at an Asian restaurant.
We will continue this next year. We have had a member who has volunteered to donate \$100.00 for this project. We are very grateful for that.
- The Education team and youth group will host a Halloween party on Saturday, October 28th from 6 to 8 PM.

MISSION REPORT – submitted by Beverly Nolte

Sheridan Park members are generous in mission giving which allows us to share in ministry to the lost, the least and the last at home and abroad. Your gifts are appreciated and blessed by God for His use in helping humankind.

One frequently hears news about Cuba and our U.S. travel and trade relationships with this island nation. The Methodist Church of Cuba is growing like wildfire with long services filled

with loud and animated praise songs during their well attended worship time. Despite the government control over many religious activities, people are drawn to Christianity, which offers them hope.

The Cuban Methodist Church is allowed one work team per month with 12 participants. A team from Iowa will be in Havana Feb. 1 – 13 with the work projects to be the completion of 5 faculty houses on the Methodist Theological Seminary campus. Because theological students may not leave the island for theological training this schooling is offered in Cuba, thus the need to house faculty and their families. Not knowing what previous work teams will have accomplished during their work period, our team will address a variety of construction projects. In addition, the Methodist Church asks that each team give \$5,750 for the purchase of building supplies. Sheridan Park is providing \$150 toward that amount.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT by Jeff Woodard, Trustees Chairperson

- Mowing and trimming schedule is posted on board. Please consider assisting with this. Thanks to those that have helped with this!!
- Thanks to the individuals/groups that use the church facilities for personal events, for taking care of the property and cleaning up after themselves.
- The bottom level door does not shut well. Please be sure to pull or push it to make sure it is completely closed. Also, make sure the lights are all turned off.

PRAYER BAND GROUP:

This group meets every other Tuesday morning at 9:30 A.M.

September 5th – Hosted by Lois Smith @ church

September 19th – Hosted by Jaylene Barton @ church

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

The men will be meeting on Saturday, September 16th at 8:00 A.M. at Perkin's on East Euclid (across from HyVee). If you have never joined the other men of the church for a time of fellowship please mark your calendar and plan to join them.

SPRC REPORT: by Mary Brown

- Thanks to Lisa Hankey for the additional help she will be giving us, with her help with the bulletin.
- **Monthly Newsletter** – Each month we copy 80 Newsletters. At the time of assembly there are 23 that are immediately stamped and mailed. The rest are put out for hand pick up the last Sunday of the month. Of the 20, or so, that are not picked up, we are emailing and saving the paper copy for pick up. (These are to those that we have an email address for). **If you are a family or individual that would always like your Newsletter emailed, please let Mary Brown know at dlnfbrown@msn.com**
- If you need to reach Josh *at any time* please call him at (515) 991-6368 or by email at ministerjosh@gmail.com.
- **The annual charge conference is scheduled for Sunday, 10/8 at 2pm, at New Hope**

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES:

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

While Bidwell no longer works with these box tops, Brubaker still does. If you don't have another school that you donate these to, please trim, bring to church and Marjean will get them to Brubaker.

SCRUB DAYS: 3rd Saturdays of Each Month

SCRUB events are free to the citizens of Des Moines, therefore you may experience longer wait times based on participation.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY SITE:

DMARC's mobile pantry is at the Norwoodville Community Center, 3077 NE 46th Avenue, each Thursday from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. If this would help you, or someone else, please check it out. For more information and other sites see www.dmarcunited.org/food/mobile.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:



I, Margie Brown, personally want to thank those that helped in the kitchen to make National Night Out a success again this year. We know that we served right at least 175 of our neighbors.

If you didn't attend you missed an opportunity to visit with our police officers, fire fighters, city officials and those in our community. You also missed the face painters, balloon twister and a chance to win some very nice prizes.

WORSHIP REPORT

- **Worship team meeting September 10th @ 9:45 AM**
- We would love to have a choir number once a month, but we need people. If you would be interested please let Marjean know. We will plan to have a brief meeting after church on Sunday, Sept. 10
- Thanks to all who help make worship a praise and prayer-filled experience, glorifying God. We are always grateful to all who sign up as Sunday morning helpers: liturgist, song leader, children's time, acolyte, communion steward, transportation, cookie Sunday, juice/coffee provider, greeter, nursery, and usher.
- **Reminder** – Pastor Josh leaves from our worship service so that he can be at Wesley UMC by 11:30 AM.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

- ✓ **September 11th @ 2:00 PM** - UMW Prayer & Self Denial
- ✓ **September 23rd @ 8:30 AM** - AMUMW District Meeting It will be at the First UMC. Let Lois Nolte know by September 14th if you will be attending. Flier is on the bulletin board.
- ✓ **The Martha Circle will be collecting items for the UMCOR** sewing kits that will be taken to the Ingathering on November 4th. The kits consist of the following:
 - 3 yards cotton or cotton-blend fabric (one piece)
 - 1 new spool matching thread (medium to large size)
 - 5-8 matching flat buttons on card
 - 1 sewing scissors
 - 1 package hand-sewing needles (in original package)

FALL SALE OCTOBER 7th, 2017:

The Fall Sale will be Saturday, October 7th. As you are doing your fall cleaning, remember we can use clean USED CLOTHING and WHITE ELEPHANT.

We ask that you do not bring the following items because they do not sell and we have to pay to have them hauled away after the sale:

Computers	Tires and Rims
Printers	Used curtain rods and venetian blinds
Televisions	Water Beds, Head Boards and Rails
Child Car Seats	Encyclopedias
Mattresses	Large Appliances
Microwave Ovens	Upholstered Furniture

Help is needed from the entire congregation to make our sale successful. Funds from this sale helps support many church projects. By you supporting the sale you are also supporting the church. There are many ways to help in addition to donating items for the sale.

- We need paper grocery sacks for our \$1.00 sack sale and also small and large plastic bags.
- We need Cool Whip containers for pie, chili, etc. carryout.
- All donations, clean used clothing and/or other household items, need to be at the church by noon on Thursday, October 5th.
- Baked items for the bake table and pies for the kitchen are needed and should be at the church by 8:00 A.M. the morning of the sale.
- Come shop for clothing, white elephant items and buy goodies from the bake table.
- Plan to bring your family or invite a friend to come and eat lunch with you.
- Come back at 3:00 P.M. the day of the sale and help box unsold items and move tables.

Note: No cleanup in the fellowship hall will begin until after the end of the sack sale at 3:00 P.M.

If you are unable to bring donations during the day or have any questions regarding the Fall Sale, you can contact Shirley Wilson 266-7297.

FINANCE REPORT by Margie Brown, Chairperson:

The finance committee will be meeting on September 14th at which time they will be working on the 2018 budget. It is important that each committee think about the programs they plan to put in place next year, what they need to fund the programs and submit their request to the finance committee prior to September 14th so the 2018 budget can be updated accordingly.

The following shows the "budget" income and expenses incurred during 2017 as of August 24th:

General Budget Income	January-July 2017	August 24th, 2017	2017 Year to Date
Pledge Envelopes = 31 giving units	43,843.19	4,290.00	48,133.19
Non Pledge Envelopes = 19 giving units	6,190.91	395.80	6,586.71
Unknown Giving	55.00	.00	55.00
Special Budget Giving "Friends"	823.00	110.00	933.00
Extra Budget Giving "Members"	1,106.02	200.00	1,306.02
Sunday School	411.84	21.00	432.84
Loose Money	75.43	12.00	87.43
Special Giving for CAT	150.00	.00	150.00
Mid American Energy Rebate	513.78	.00	513.78
UMW Budget Giving	380.00	.00	380.00
Church and Parking Lot Usage Donations	300.00	100.00	400.00
May 21 st Luncheon	100.00	.00	100.00
Postage for mailing Newsletter	10.00	.00	10.00
Bank Correction for Duplicate Check Order	60.85	.00	60.85
Total Budget Income	54,020.02	5,128.80	59,148.82

Expenses Incurred and Paid			
Apportionments	3,002.00	.00	3,002.00
Direct Health & Pension	12,871.32	1,361.94	14,233.26
Pastor Salary/Support	24,909.19	2,563.69	27,472.88
Janitor Salary & SS Paid	3,445.14	430.96	3,876.10
Stewardship Programs	.00	.00	.00
Church Office Expenses	753.05	206.81	959.86
Christian Ed. & Media Resource Center	824.88	138.31	963.19
Ministries (Children/Youth/Coffee Time)	198.97	16.84	215.81
Worship Material & Programs	205.20	86.77	291.97
Evangelism	46.65	.00	46.65
Property Maintenance to the Church	711.42	817.60	1,529.02
Insurance (Property & Workman's Comp)	2,450.00	350.00	2,800.00
Utilities			
• Mid American Energy	2,320.26	193.57	2,513.83
• Century Link	471.86	32.15	504.01
• Des Moines Water Works	1,780.39	268.41	2,048.80
Total Expenses Incurred and Paid	53,990.33	6,467.05	60,457.38

Total Income Less Expenses	29.69	(1,338.35)	(1,308.56)
Carryover balance from prior year end			2,517.60
Check book balance for Budget Items			1,209.04

FINANCE REPORT (Continued):

We hired Larry's Tree Service to trim trees at a cost of \$600 at the parsonage and \$400 on the back part of the church property. We also have had Eagle Sign out to replace a couple hinges, lamps and the photo cell on the church sign. Both of these expenses are reflected in the higher cost of property maintenance this month. The church office expenses are also higher this month as a result of going to a higher speed internet service. Approximately,

\$100 of the \$207 was a one-time charge for purchasing the modem instead of paying a monthly rental fee.

Your finance team wants to **THANK EACH OF YOU** for your financial support to the church. 2017 giving statements have been prepared showing contributions through July. If you have not picked up your statement they can be found on the table in the coffee room. **Please keep the finances of our church in your prayers as you start thinking about your pledge for 2018.**

If you have any questions regarding the church budget or any of the other funds feel free to either contact myself or Jim Moyle, our church treasurer.

SCRAPBOOKING:

This group meets every third Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. They often order food and share in fellowship. They invite anyone with any project or hobby that might benefit from the space to join them on **Sunday, September 17th from 12:30 to 4:30.**

GLEANERS CLASS - Fellowship Opportunity: September 16th @ 5:00. Barton's are hosts.

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September Birthdays

3rd John Ratcliff
5th Don Beals
5th Clifford Haider
5th Linda Kendrick
6th Beverly Nolte
8th Roman Jay Vlieger
12th Tanya Hinderaker
13th Todd O'Brien
16th Hannah Hastings
19th Ashley Green
21st Doris Sheeder
26th Jeremy Isaac

September Anniversaries

1st Darrell and Margie Brown
4th Marvin and Jaylene Barton
6th Dale and Shirley Wilson

Worship Volunteers

September 3, 2017:

Coffee: Jack Ness & Steve Piper

Greeters: Ray & Barbara Potter

Nursery: Lois Nolte

Transportation: Dick Smith

Ushers: Shirley Wilson (Capt.), Rosie Hollingshead, Joan Foresman, Doris Sheeder

Communion Stewards: Beverly Nolte & Marcia Isaac

Bulletin: Lisa Hankey

September 10, 2017:

Coffee: Dave & Susan Strock

Greeters: Lois Nolte & Alice Marnin

Nursery: Shirley Wilson

Transportation: Lois Nolte

Ushers: Jeff Woodard (Capt.), Marvin Barton, Dave Strock, Susan Strock

Bulletin: Eldon Nolte

September 17, 2017:

Coffee: Dale & Shirley Wilson

Greeters: Jerry & Alice Nelson

Nursery: Dave & Susan Strock

Transportation: Marvin Barton

Ushers: Dick Smith (Capt.), Steve Piper, Marvin Barton, John Ratcliffe

Cookie Sunday:

Carole Gassaway (Hostess), Dean & Mary Brown, Barb Potter, Connie Thrasher

Bulletin: Sharon Andrews

September 24, 2017:

Coffee: Eldon & Lois Nolte

Greeters: Belle Lemley & Joan Foresman

Nursery: Bonnie Becker

Transportation: Barbara Ratcliffe

Ushers: Phyllis Roe (Capt.), Charles Sears, Carlos Medina

Bulletin: Mary Brown

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